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REPORT OF THE 1997 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. By its resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the conference.

2. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 4 and 5 November 1997.

3. The Conference was opened by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman,

Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

5. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations attended the Conference:

United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations International Drug Control Programme, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

6. Representatives of the following specialized agencies also attended the Conference: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

7. The representative of the European Union also attended.

C. Election of officers

8. At its meeting on 4 November, the Conference elected by acclamation the following officials:

President: Mr. Jacob Botwe Wilmot (Ghana)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Svetlozar Panov (Bulgaria)
Mr. Gerhard Henze (Germany)

D. Documentation

9. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.182/1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on contributions pledged or paid at the 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 1997 (A/CONF.180/2 and Add.1);

(c) Background information on programmes and funds for the 1997 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

E. Announcement of pledges

10. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds, and took note of the fact that several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions but proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.